

KEEP THIS HANDY

# Hurricane Checklist

- ✓ Food – At least enough for three to five days
- ✓ Drinking Water – Store at least one gallon per person per day for three to five days, preferably two weeks
- ✓ Battery-Operated Radio
- ✓ Flashlight (w/ extra bulbs and batteries)
- ✓ Matches – Stored in a waterproof container
- ✓ Fire Extinguisher
- ✓ Hard-line telephone with jack (not cordless)
- ✓ Emergency Cooking Facilities
- ✓ A three- to five-day supply of special items for babies
- ✓ Extra Medicine
- ✓ Pet-care items – Pet food, cat litter and other pet-care items
- ✓ Manual Can Opener/Bottle Opener
- ✓ Paper goods such as plates, bowls, napkins, towels, plastic cups, and plastic eating utensils
- ✓ First Aid Kit and Manual
- ✓ Bleach (for purifying water)
- ✓ Shutters, Lumber
- ✓ Emergency Repair Materials and Tools – Items to include are cord and rope, hammer, wood, nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chain saw blades, tarp, duct tape and heavy work gloves
- ✓ Plastic trash bags and ties
- ✓ Extra re-sealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans



Make sure to stock yourself with canned food, water, flash lights, and a battery powered radio.

- ✓ Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking
- ✓ Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- ✓ Mosquito repellent with DEET
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Toys, books and games to keep children and adults entertained during and after the storm
- ✓ Full Tank of Gasoline
- ✓ Cash and Credit Cards
- ✓ Sturdy Shoes
- ✓ Special Medical Equipment and Supplies

(Source Broward County Government)



**CRACKING DOWN ON  
USERS OF ILLEGAL  
PRESCRIPTION  
DRUGS**



**STRENGTHENING  
OUR SEAT BELT  
LAWS**

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Legislative Session 2009

**UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE  
ARI ABRAHAM PORTH**

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## Special Note from Representative Porth



*Dear Neighbors:*

*The most recent legislative session was extremely challenging as our state tried to meet our needs despite a severe budget shortfall.*

*I ultimately voted against the budget because I felt it failed to adequately fulfill our state's need on critical programs including education, the environment and health care and didn't properly respond to our economic crisis.*

*However, we did make strides on a number of issues and I am pleased that I sponsored and co-sponsored legislation which will help streamline government, improve foster care, strengthen our seat belt laws to save lives, and crack down on the illegal use of prescription drugs.*

*Thank you again for the honor of being your State Representative. It's an honor I take seriously as I strive to be your voice in Tallahassee. I hope you find this newsletter informative and as always feel free to contact my office at 954-346-2810 if there is anything we can do for you.*

*Ari Abraham Porth*

*Representative Ari Abraham Porth*

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Rep Porth helps our community prepare for the looming hurricane season





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**REP. PORTH:**  
**Protecting Our Children's Health**

Rep. Porth co-sponsored a bill that provided foster care kids access to their medical records to help their doctors protect their health. He also strongly helped the fight to preserve and expand our state's KidCare program to provide health insurance to low-income children.



Rep. Porth believes the legislature must make protecting our children's health its top priority.

**REP. PORTH:**  
**Keeping Our Community Safe**

As a member of the House Public Safety Committee, Representative Porth was at the forefront of a number of safety issues, including legislation to crack down on the illegal sale of prescription drugs and measures to give our police power to ticket drivers and front-seat passengers who fail to buckle their seat belts.



Rep. Porth believes the new seatbelt law that he co-sponsored will help save many lives.

**REP. PORTH:**  
**Improving  
Local  
Government**

Rep. Porth passed 6 local bills that improved and streamlined local governments and boards to improve their ability to help our citizens. In these tough economic times, Rep. Porth will continue to work hard to ensure that our government avoids waste and increases its efficiency.

**THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS**



**The Debate Over The Budget**

A debate over how to resolve a \$6-billion budget deficit dominated a very challenging legislative session. I simply believe the budget could have been better. I had hoped for a more favorable outcome for Florida's families, and that's why I voted "no" to this budget's final passage. A better state budget would have done more for economic development and workforce training to strengthen our economy.

**Putting Our  
Students First**

I strongly believe that our state must do much more to meet the needs of our schools and students. I voted against the tuition hikes which hurt our college students. However, I am pleased that we agreed to use \$2 billion in federal economic recovery funds to help fund our schools and increase our college and university budgets.



Rep Porth opposed the bill to raise tuition hikes and believes we must do more to help our college students.

**Improving Our Healthcare System**

I am pleased to report that the Medically Needy program was preserved. We won approval for a new law that requires Medigap coverage for certain patients needing dialysis or kidney transplants, and we expanded eligibility to Florida KidCare, a health insurance program for uninsured children



**"I will continue  
to fight to  
protect and  
improve our  
healthcare  
system."**

Rep. Ari Porth